

Dealing with issues that are beyond psychological admission or sociological determination or political timing, Lord, we are led to a deeper confidence that You know us better than we know ourselves.

You will help us if we simply call upon Your Holy Name, and will answer our deepest needs, even if we cannot name them ourselves, for You are the Creative One and Savior of Your people, now and forever.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. HERGER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HERGER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WAR SUPPLEMENTAL

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KUCINICH. We're destroying our Nation's moral and fiscal integrity with the war supplemental. Instead of ending wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan now, by appropriating only enough money to bring our troops home, Congress abdicates its constitutional authority, defers to the President and asks for a report. That's right. All we're asking for is a report on when the President will end the war.

There's money, too, for the IMF, presumably to bail out private European banks, billions for the IMF so they can force low- and middle-income nations to cut jobs, wages, health care and retirement security, just like corporate America does to our constituents.

And there's money to incentivize the purchase of more cars, but not necessarily from the U.S. because a "Buy America" mandate was not allowed. Another \$106 billion, and all we get is a lousy war. Pretty soon, that's going to be about the only thing made in America: war.

ELECTING CERTAIN MINORITY MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 548

Resolved, That the following Members are, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committee:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES—Mr. McKeon, to rank before Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Platts.

Mr. PENCE (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

BREAKING DOWN THE UNINSURED

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, earlier today, and in the many days before, we heard our colleagues talk over and over and over again about how we have so many people in this country who do not have access to health care. That's not accurate. They have access to health care. What they're talking about is people who are uninsured.

But let me talk about the numbers that make up what they're talking about as 45.7 million Americans who are uninsured. That's not true either; 9.5 million of those are noncitizens; 12 million of them are eligible for public programs such as Medicaid and Medicare; 7.3 million have incomes over \$84,000 and choose not to purchase health insurance; and 9.1 million are only temporarily uninsured. That brings us down to 7.8 million American citizens, lower income, long-term uninsured, a much different figure from the 45 million they tout all the time. And a preliminary report by CBO says that they want to spend \$1 trillion on this.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SENIOR AIRMAN ASHTON GOODMAN

(Mr. CARSON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a fallen hero who was laid to rest in my district earlier this month.

Senior Airman Ashton Goodman was killed by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan on May 26. Her ultimate sacrifice is a stark reminder of the human cost of war. However, it is Ashton's life that should serve as a shining example of American achievement in Afghanistan.

While tasked with protecting vital reconstruction teams, Ashton worked to win over the hearts and minds of the Afghan people. She regularly mentored Afghan women, providing them with the guidance and skills needed to stand up against oppression and violence. Because of Ashton, many women are now combating the economic and social conditions that breed extremism.

Through her exceptional support of Afghan women and her sacrifice on behalf of her country, she has set a lasting example for our military and for all Americans.

THE CALIFORNIA CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRE PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT OF 2009

(Mr. HERGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, today, I'm introducing legislation to address the dire situation facing my district and the State of California with respect to accumulation of forest fuels and the threat of catastrophic wildfires.

The California Catastrophic Wildfire Prevention and Community Protection Act of 2009 seeks to implement hazardous fuels reduction and other forest-thinning projects on Federal land that have been collaboratively developed and identified within a community's wildfire protection plan or county fire plan.

Since 2003, California has witnessed three of its worst fire seasons ever. This legislation would help address the only aspect of wildfire we can control: accumulation of forest fuels. Without action, our communities remain at risk to catastrophic wildfire.

I urge my fellow Members to support this commonsense solution.

AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE FOR EVERYONE

(Mr. KAGEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KAGEN. Mr. Speaker, we've come to a point in time in American history when it's past time for us to guarantee access to affordable health care for everyone.

Last week, Thursday, President Obama came to Green Bay, Wisconsin, and he didn't have to travel very far to find a health care story. At the airport restaurant there's Jeff. And Jeff is working 65 hours a week, two different jobs, and he doesn't have the health care coverage that he needs. He can't get health care coverage because he has a preexisting medical condition.

It's time for this House, on both sides of the aisle, to understand that Jeff isn't the only one who needs our help.

We need to have choices. We need to have the care that we require just to get through the day, and we have to have health care at a price we can all afford to pay. And we must guarantee that no citizen shall suffer any discrimination due to any preexisting medical conditions.

And I'll ask you this question: Isn't it time that we have a Federal standard, a standard health benefit plan, that's available to each and every American citizen and legal resident?

I think it's time, and so do the people of northeast Wisconsin.

A PEACEFUL FUTURE FOR IRAN

(Mr. REICHERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, half-way across the world today people are rioting in the streets. Violence, gunshots and even death have overtaken Iran's streets as its citizens protest the results of their recent election.

Iran's security affects the entire Middle East, and the riots there show how fragile their government really is. Recently, Iran successfully tested a long-range missile, and their intentions with their nuclear program are still unknown.

The United States must utilize every diplomatic, economic, and political tool at our disposal, including the further use of sanctions. Ultimately, our goal is peace for Iran, peace now and in the future. That's why I encourage Members of this body to join me in the support of the Iran Petroleum Sanctions Act. This legislation would use sanctions on refined petroleum to Iran in order to convince the government to give up its nuclear ambitions.

Our desire, all of us across the world, is to see a secure and peaceful future for the people of Iran, the greater Middle East and the world, but this cannot happen without some changes in Iran's policies, regardless of the outcome of their election.

COMBATING A NATIONAL PROBLEM

(Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I'm glad to report to the House about another blow made against the drug cartels who smuggle narcotics into the United States from Mexico.

Recently, two women from Michigan were arrested for driving a van filled with \$1 million dollars worth of marijuana down I-40 near Holbrook in my district. The Major Crimes Apprehension Team K-9 Unit pulled over the van for a traffic violation and discovered two occupants from Michigan carrying \$1 million worth of marijuana.

This case further demonstrates the important role that local law enforcement in Arizona and throughout the Southwest are playing in combating a national problem.

I commend Navajo County Sheriff K.C. Clark and his department for yet another successful operation.

COMMENTS MADE BY LEON PANETTA

(Mr. COLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, like many Americans, I cheered when CIA Director Leon Panetta recently defended the honor of his agency against unsubstantiated charges by the Speaker of the House that the CIA routinely lied to Americans and to the Congress of the United States.

Given those remarks, I was surprised to see his recent remarks about Vice President Cheney when he said, It's almost as if he wishes that this country would be attacked again in order to make his point.

Just as Mr. Panetta deserves an apology from the Speaker, Mr. Panetta owes one to the Vice President of the United States.

The Vice President was Vice President when this country was attacked. He and the President spent the next 7½ years making sure it didn't happen again. They deserve our thanks and our appreciation, not cheap shots and not questions about their motives when they address the critical issues before our country.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Ms. SUTTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to stress the importance of reforming our health care system this year. Every day Americans with health concerns worry, not just about getting well, but whether they can afford to get well.

Statistics show that the average American family already pays an extra \$1,100 in premiums every year for a broken system that leaves 46 million uninsured Americans, and millions more who are insured without the care they need when they need it.

Americans spend more than any other population on health care; yet we are no healthier for the investment. President Obama and this Congress want to change this dynamic.

We must make quality health care more affordable and accessible to every American: man, woman and child. We must enact a health care system, promote a health care system, ensure a health care system that will work for our constituents and be worthy of this great Nation.

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TALKING ON THE PHONE TAX

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, "can you hear me now?"

That phrase repeated by cell phone users across the vast prairies and wide-open spaces of America soon may be taxed by the Feds.

That's right. The taxacrats want to tax citizens for their private cell phone use and for the use of mobile phones at work. It's a benefit, the taxacrats saith. So they want to tax it.

Don't think this new "talking on the phone tax" will ever leave. In 1898, Congress passed temporary phone taxes to fund the Spanish-American War, but Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders had the 4-month war won even before the tax took effect. Guess what? Americans are still paying that temporary phone tax for that war 111 years ago.

Phone taxes never die. They don't even fade away. Americans are taxed enough already. Government addiction to spending should be cured cold turkey style. Citizens don't need more silly taxes to fund pet projects. Mr. Speaker, the people are weary of taxes.

"Can you hear them now?" No more taxes. No "talking on the phone tax."

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING THE LIFE OF COACH JIM OWENS

(Mr. DICKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DICKS. Mr. Speaker, today in Seattle, a memorial service is taking place for the University of Washington's legendary football coach, Jim Owens, who passed away on June 6, leaving a legacy that extends far beyond Husky Stadium where he coached for 18 years. In fact, that legacy extends here to the Nation's Capital because I was one of the many individuals he recruited, coached and counseled on and off the field, and we remained friends for nearly 50 years.

He was a remarkable leader, assuming the job of head coach at the university at the age of 29. It was said that he brought a work ethic and a coaching style that would have intimidated a Marine Corps drill instructor. That was accurate. I can say that from personal experience. He had high expectations, and he could be tough. He once told me I was fine on defense as a linebacker, but I was the weakest weak guard on the team.

Most of all, he was a real leader, and he was successful. Three years after arriving at the University of Washington, he produced a Rose Bowl championship team, defeating Wisconsin, 44-8, in the 1960 Rose Bowl. I was proud to play for him the next year when we repeated a Rose Bowl victory over Minnesota, 17-7.

He was a great coach. Though he will be missed, his lessons will endure long beyond his death. Our prayers go out to the entire Owens family. They have lost a wonderful husband and father. His players will never forget him.

PEACEFUL DISSENT IN THE STREETS OF IRAN

(Mrs. MALONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join with President Obama, with Vice President BIDEN and with all of those around the world who have been